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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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SUBJ: FORMER MINISTERS BROUGHT TO LISBON FOR TRIAL

REF: LISBON 2079 (NOTAL)

1. LISBON PRESS, CITING OFFICIAL SOURCES, REPORTS THAT FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER SILVA CUNHA AND FORMER INFORMATION MINISTER MOREIRA BAPTISTA WERE FLOWN IN AIR FORCE PLANE FROM MADEIRA TO LISBON MAY 23 BY ORDER OF THE JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION. (MINISTERS HELD POSTS MENTIONED ABOVE FOR ABOUT 7 MONTHS ONLY: MOREIRA BAPTISTA WAS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1968 TO 1973; SILVA CUNHA WAS MINISTER OF OVERSEAS FROM

1968 TO 1973). PRESS REPORTS THAT SPOKESMAN FOR  
INFORMATION MINISTRY HAS SAID BOTH INISTERS NOW  
IN MILITARY CUSTODY, WILL BE TRIED IN MILITARY COURTS, AS WILL FORMER  
ARMY MINISTER GEN. ADRADE E SILVA AND FORMER SUBSECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR ARMY COL. VIANA DE LEMOS.

2. COMMENT: JUNTA'S DECISION TO RETURN SILVA CUNHA  
AND MOREIRA BAPTISTA TO LISBON AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR TRIAL  
MAY HAVE BEEN IN REACTION TO UNHAPPINESS AROUSED BY  
DECISION TO ALLOW FORMER PRIME MINISTER CAETANO AND  
FORMER PRESIDENT THOMAZ TO GO TO BRAZIL. JUNTA MAY FEEL  
NEED TO REASSURE PEOPLE THAT OLD REGIME'S ABUSES WILL  
NOT BE FORGOTTEN.  
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